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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROCHIKA MATSUOKA

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Sir:

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To the best of Applicant's knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet issued.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications:


<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/467,984	December 21, 1999	2721
09/420,778	October 19, 1999	2721

A copy of each cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.


Respectfully submitted,



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